

Thursday, October 23, 2003

Commissioner Michael J. Copps
145 12th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20554

VIA FACSIMILE

Dear Commissioner Copps,

As a consumer of broadcast television, electronics, and computer products, I urge the Federal Communications Commission to vote against the adoption of a "broadcast flag." I am gravely concerned that a broadcast flag regulation would restrict the way I enjoy television today and into the future.

I am very concerned about the fair-use implications of the broadcast flag. With today's current HD and SD broadcast technology, I can be more than a passive recipient of content -- I can modify, create, and participate. I can record TV to watch later; clip a small piece of TV and splice it into a home movie; send an email clip of my child's football game to a distant relative; or record a TV program onto a DVD and play it at my friend's apartment. The broadcast flag will remove this control and flexibility that I currently enjoy and deserve.

If the move to digital television does not make the public's viewing experience more enjoyable, flexible, and exciting, what compelling reason do will consumers have to buy new digital equipment? A prettier TV picture is hardly enough reason for me to dispense with all current consumer electronics and computer equipment, especially if I lose timeshifting and content editing ability at the same time.

As a citizen and consumer of broadcast television, I urge you to promote the digital transition by opposing the broadcast flag.

Respectfully,

Patrick J. Conley Elkhorn, WI

Sincerely,

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W 5648 Canary Rd
Elkhorn, WI 53121

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Mace Moneta
5 Micki Terrace
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Pete Byer
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Mount Prospect, IL 60056

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A robust, competitive market for consumer electronics must be rooted in manufacturers' ability to innovate for their customers. Allowing movie studios to control features of DTV-reception equipment will enable the studios to tell technologists what new products they can create. This will result in products that don't necessarily reflect what consumers like me actually want, and it could result in me being charged more money for inferior functionality.

If the FCC issues a broadcast flag mandate, I would actually be less likely to make an investment in DTV-capable receivers and other equipment. I will not pay more for devices that limit my rights at the behest of Hollywood. Please do not mandate broadcast flag technology for digital television. Thank you for your time.

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Charles Lindberg
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Shelburne, MN 55391
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Lexington, NC 27295

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Salem, NH 03079

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Further, I believe the broadcast flag will slow and possibly derail the digital television transition. That transition will be far more palatable to me as a consumer if switching doesn't mean discarding my existing home network and buying new devices and displays. Please do not allow the MPAA and its allies to hinder the transition by requiring consumers to buy special-purpose DTV devices that are more expensive and less valuable.

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Seth Henry
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Denver, CO 80220

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San Francisco, CA 94107
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Most especially, several programs I wish to watch are only aired late at night. As I have to get up and go to work every morning at 7 am, I can't stay up often to watch my programs at 1 in the morning. As I understand the current laws, I am allowed to record these shows so long as I erase them within 24 hours. How will this broadcast flag affect these programs? Will I only be able to watch my favorite shows if I am willing to stay home and awake at those hours? Does that mean that I must miss several of my shows just because the MPAA wishes me to be at their beck and call?

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